

lakhs during first six year of its working i.e. from 1966-67 to 1971-72. Since 1972-73 Super Bazar has been running on profit.

[Translations]

Programmes Under N.R.D.M.S.

2429. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various programmes under Natural Resources Data Managing System are being implemented with the financial assistance from some other institutions; and

(b) if so, the details of such institutions and the projects for which assistance has been provided during the last three years together with the results achieved therefrom by each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The various programmes under Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS) are normally provided financial assistance by the Department of Science and Technology. However, realising the relevance and need of such a programme, the various user Departments are coming forth to implement this programme by partly sharing the cost.

(b) An example of a jointly funded project is at Bankura (West Bengal) being implemented by the Department of Science and Technology in collaboration with the National Drinking Water Mission, Department of Rural Development. Computerised database and software packages are being developed to support the concept of local area planning. In particular, the emphasis is on problems of land and water management. The studies so far have helped in estimating the groundwater potential block-

wise for Bankura district and in selection of sites for some rain water harvesting structures.

Other projects being supported under NRDMS are located in Pauri (U.P.), Sultanpur (U.P.) Manger (Bihar), Gurgaon (Haryana) Alwar (Rajasthan), Kheda (Gujarat) Koraput (Orissa), Visakhapatnam (A.P.), and Imphal (Manipur). Spatial Resource profiles are being developed for these districts to provide decision support for better management of natural resources. These studies are entirely funded by Department of Science and Technology (Government of India).

[English]

Conversion Rates from Leasehold to Freehold

2430. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Apex Association of DDA colonies regarding the conversion rates from leasehold to free hold;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The representationist has requested for non-linkage between the rates of conversion fee and notified land rate, conversion fee not to exceed 10 times of the annual ground rent, non-levy of interest for

accepting conversion fee in instalments, no stamp duty on conversion fee and no further registration formalities including free conversion in the case of flats if the total land divided by number of flats built on it is less than 50 sq. mtrs. per flat etc.

A view on these and other similar suggestions received in this regard is being taken, a decision there-on will be incorporated in the proposed brochure to be issued by the lease administering authorities within given time frame

Functioning of BHEL

2431 SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAM BADAN

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is running in losses;

(b) the comparative details of profit and turnover of the BHEL during each of the last three years,

(c) whether the Government propose to revive this company; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON). (a) No, Sir.

(b)

(Rs. in crores)

88—89	89—90	90—91
Turnover	2620	2021 3154
Profit before tax	193	213 201

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Representation from Indian Paint Association

2432. SHRI P.M. SAYEED. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Indian Paint Association;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether there is a proposal to reduce the heavy duties and taxes on the paint industry, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). A representation from the Indian Paint Association was received in January 1992 seeking, among other things, relief such as reduction in excise duty of paints including heavy duty and high performance coatings and solventless and water based paints, enhancement in certain exemption limits for small scale sector for the purpose of excise duty and exemption from duty on bituminous varnishes

(c) and (d) In the Budget for 1992-93, as a measure of additional resource mobilisation, excise duty on paints has been increased by five percentage points. Basic excise duty on various categories of Paints and Varnishes would be liveable at the